

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Applicant respectfully requests that this listing of claims replace the prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

opening application windows of at least two different application programs onto a display;

determining a grip area on a predetermined fixed location on the display;

detecting activation of the grip area for managing application windows on the display on the basis of a cursor being at least in the vicinity of the grip area;

detecting a change in the location of the activated grip area on the display, indicated by an input device; and

changing the size of selected application windows of the at least two different application programs in a predetermined manner on the basis of the change in the location of the grip area.

2. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising showing the grip area for managing application windows on the display.

3. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising determining the grip area at the edges of an application window.

4. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising determining the grip area at a bar of an application window.

5. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising detecting selection of the application windows to be changed from among the opened application windows; and changing the size of the application windows to be changed only.

6. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising scaling the contents of the application windows in proportions to the changes in the sizes of the application windows.

7. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein detecting a change in the location of the grip area comprises: detecting a direction of motion of the grip area from a first location of the grip area to a second location of the grip area as well as the distance between the first location and the second location, and changing the sizes of the application windows on the basis of the detected direction of motion and distance.

8. (Currently amended) An electronic device comprising: a processing unit for controlling functions of the device; a display connected to the processing unit for showing application windows; and an input device for issuing control commands, the processing unit being configured to open the application windows of at least two different application programs onto the display, determine a grip area on a predetermined fixed location on the display, detect activation of the grip area for managing application windows on the display on the basis of a cursor being at least in the vicinity of the grip area, detect a change in the location of the activated grip area on the display, indicated by the input device, and change the size of selected application windows of the at least two different application programs in a predetermined manner on the basis of the change in the location of the grip area.

9. (Previously presented) The electronic device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the processing unit is configured to show the grip area for managing application windows on the display.

10. (Previously presented) The electronic device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the processing unit is configured to determine the grip area at the edges of an application window.

11. (Previously presented) The electronic device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the processing unit is configured to determine the grip area at a bar of an application window.

12. (Previously presented) The electronic device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the processing unit is configured to detect selection of the application windows to be changed from among the opened application windows; and change the size of the application windows to be changed only.

13. (Previously presented) The electronic device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the processing unit is configured to scale the contents of the application windows in proportions to the changes in the sizes of the application windows.

14. (Previously presented) The electronic device as claimed in claim 8, wherein in detecting a change in the location of the grip area, the processing unit is configured to detect a direction of motion of the grip area from a first location of the grip area to a second location of the grip area as well as the distance between the first location and the second location, and to change the sizes of the application windows on the basis of the detected direction of motion and distance.

15. (Currently amended) A computer readable storage medium encoding a computer process, the computer process having instructions that when executed in a device cause the device to perform a process comprising:

- opening application windows of at least two different application programs onto a display;

- determining a grip area on a predetermined fixed location on the display;

- detecting activation of the grip area for managing application windows on the display on the basis of a cursor being at least in the vicinity of the grip area;

detecting a change in the location of the activated grip area on the display, indicated by an input device; and

changing the size of selected application windows of the at least two different application programs in a predetermined manner on the basis of the change in the location of the grip area.

16. (Currently amended) An electronic device comprising: means for controlling functions of the device, means for showing application windows, input means for issuing control commands, means for opening application windows of at least two different application programs onto a display, means for determining a grip area on a predetermined fixed location on the display, means for detecting activation of the grip area for managing application windows on the display on the basis of a cursor being at least in the vicinity of the grip area, means for detecting a change in the location of the activated grip area on the display, and means for changing the size of selected application windows of the at least two different application programs in a predetermined manner on the basis of the change in the location of the grip area.